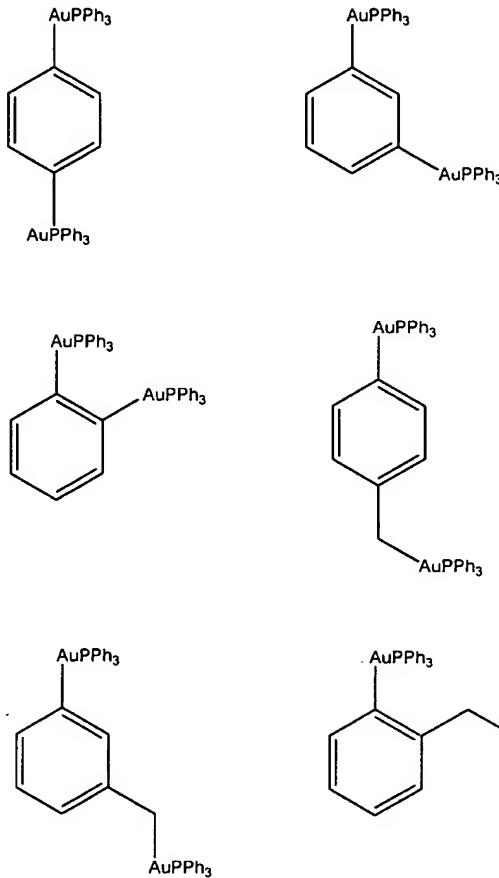


Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of cancer comprising an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of:

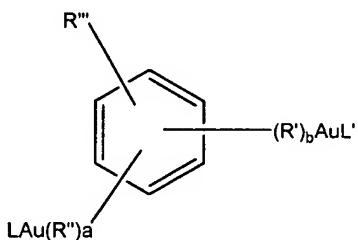


; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

42. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of cancer comprising

an effective amount of a compound having two gold(I) atoms each covalently bonded to a carbon atom in a covalent link connecting the two gold(I) atoms, wherein said compound has the formula:



where: L and L' are ligands PPh₃; R' and R'' are each independently selected from the group consisting of methylene, ethylene, propylene, butylene and phenylene groups; a is 0 to 3; b is 0 to 3; R''' is H, SO_3^- , PO_4^{2-} , CO_2H , OH, $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{CH}_3$, $\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{CH}_3$, $\text{S}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{CH}_3$, or $\text{NR}''''\text{C}(\text{O})(\text{R}''')$ where R''' and R'''' are $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{CH}_3$; and n is 0 to 6; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claims 43-46. (Canceled)